

Table 2. Number and percent distribution of fatal occupational injuries by selected worker characteristics, California, 1997-98

Characteristic	1998*		1997	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	617	100.0	652	100.0
Employment Status				
Wage and salary workers	500	81.0	553	84.8
Self-employed**	117	19.0	99	15.2
Gender				
Men	570	92.4	596	91.4
Women	47	7.6	56	8.6
Age				
Under 20 years	11	1.8	15	2.3
20 to 24 years	45	7.3	68	10.4
25 to 34 years	151	24.5	151	23.2
35 to 44 years	145	23.5	157	24.1
45 to 54 years	141	22.9	137	21.0
55 to 64 years	79	12.8	78	12.0
65 to 74 years	26	4.2	32	4.9
75 years and over	14	2.3	13	2.0
Race				
White	464	75.2	512	78.5
Black	27	4.4	34	5.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	54	8.8	71	10.9
Other or unknown	71	11.5	35	5.4
Hispanic Origin				
Hispanic***	171	27.7	189	29.0
* Figures for 1998 are preliminary and will be updated as new cases are determined to be work-related				
** Includes paid and unpaid family workers, and may include owners of incorporated businesses, or members of partnerships.				
*** Persons identified as Hispanic may be of any race.				
Note: Totals may include data for subcategories not shown separately.				
Percentages may not add to totals due to rounding.				
Source: California Division of Labor Statistics and Research, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, 1997-98.				
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